

Bibliographic Note

The basic published sources of information for the history of the Portland District since 1867 are the *Annual Reports* of the Chief of Engineers and the numerous Senate and House of Representative *Documents*, which reproduced Corps of Engineers reports relating to specific proposed or approved projects. Until 1915, the yearly reports submitted to the Chief of Engineers by the district engineers contained a wealth of valuable information about each on-going project, survey, or examination carried out by the district. Supporting materials such as maps, diagrams, tables, photographs, and selected correspondence often accompanied the district engineer's narrative. These highly individualized reports provided useful insight into the thinking and management style of the various engineer officers. Since 1915, the Office of the Chief of Engineers has imposed a standardized format on project reports which drained them of the detail and personal point of view contained in the earlier accounts.

Unpublished manuscript materials relating to the Portland District are collected in Record Group 77, the records of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and in the files and records of the Portland District. The Record Group 77 materials are located in the National Archives and in the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland. Portland District records are housed in the Federal Records Center at Seattle, Washington and the Portland District Records Holding Center. A microfilm edition of pre-1925 district records deposited in Seattle can be consulted at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, Oregon. Unfortunately, the records on the 424 rolls of film are arranged differently than the originals housed in Seattle. Other publications by the Portland District such as environmental impact statements, project design memoranda, and informational accounts have been consulted for this study. Oral interviews with district personnel have also been used. Full citations for all the primary and secondary sources employed in this study can be found at their first reference in the footnotes.